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For : MOTOR VEHICLE WHEEL WITH A TIRE PLACED ON A WHEEL RIM  
AND A SOUND-ABSORBENT INSERT AS WELL AS A PROCESS FOR  
MANUFACTURING A SOUND-ABSORBENT INSERT

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration:

The following documents were cited in Applicants' April 20, 1998 Information Disclosure Statement in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/955,920, on which the instant application relies for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and which Statement complied with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) - (c):

- (1) German Patent No. 30 42 350 issued February 26, 1987 (published May 27, 1982);
- (2) European Patent Application No. 0 038 920 published November 4, 1981; and
- (3) German Patent Application No. 29 46 273 published May 21, 1981.

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The following documents were cited in Applicants' October 22, 1998 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/955,920, on which the instant application relies for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and which Statement complied with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) - (c):

- (4) Japanese Patent Document 1 - 11 57 01, published May 9, 1989;
- (5) Japanese Patent Document 1 - 18 64 02, published July 25, 1989;
- (6) German Patent Application No. 44 00 912, published July 20, 1995;
- (7) Japanese Patent Document 1 - 24 03 02, published September 25, 1989;
- (8) Japanese Patent Document 63 - 25 82 01, published October 25, 1988; and
- (9) Japanese Patent Document 63 - 25 82 02, published October 25, 1988.

The following documents were cited in Applicants' December 10, 1999 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/955,920, on which the instant application relies for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and which Statement complied with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) - (c):

- (10) German Patent Application No. 198 06 935 published September 9, 1999;
- (11) An abstract of European Patent No. 0 029 120 issued June 27, 1984 (published May 27, 1981), and an abstract of European Patent Application No. 0 029 120 published May 27, 1981. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants note that these documents are family members of BSCHORR '522;

(12) An abstract of European Patent Application No. 0 810 082 published December 3, 1997; and

(13) Patent Abstracts of Japan, M-916, Vol. 14, No.6, January 9, 1990 of Japanese Patent Application No. 63-78258 published October 11, 1989.

The following documents were cited in Applicants' February 24, 2000 Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/955,920, on which the instant application relies for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and which Statement complied with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a) - (c):

(14) European Patent Application No. 0 029 120, published May 27, 1981. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,392,522 issued to Bschorr on July 12, 1983;

(15) Patent Abstracts of Japan of Japanese Patent Application No. 06-106903 published April 19, 1994;

(16) European Patent Application No. 0 663 306 A2, published July 19, 1995;

(17) European Patent Application No. 0 038 920 A, published November 4, 1981. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,399,851 issued to Bschorr on August 23, 1983;

(18) German Patent Application No. 30 42 350 A, published May 27, 1982;

(19) International Patent Application No. WO 97/21950, published June 19, 1997;

(20) U.S. Patent No. 4,626,183 issued to Shirai et al. on December 2, 1986; and

(21) Great Britain Patent Application No. 1 211 860, published November 11, 1970.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,474,722 issued to Woodhams on December 12, 1995.

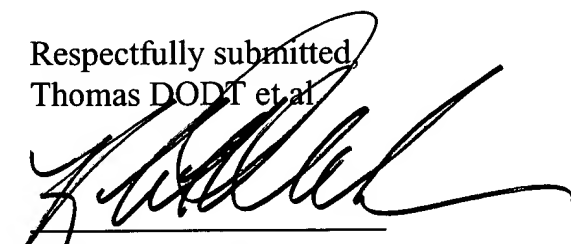
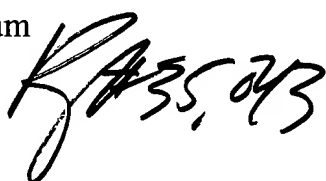
The following documents were cited in the Official Action dated March 2, 2000 in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/955,920:

(22) U.S. Patent No. 5,073,444 issued to SHANELEE December 1991;

As the instant application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/955,920, Applicants submit that, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), no copies of the above-cited documents are required. However, Applicants have enclosed a Form PTO-1449 listing each of the above-noted items. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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